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1. Between July 1950 and September 1953, [ ] traffic on the Moscow - Sverdlovsk railroad line. Most of the eastbound trains of tank cars consisted of 60-ton cars which were incased in 15-mm armor and thus looked like boxcars. The railroad cars were painted with camouflage paint.<sup>1</sup> The railroad junction of Kapralova is about 1.8km north-northeast of Revda (N 56-49, E 59-58). In Kapralova, a railroad line branches off to Pervouralsk (N 56-54, E 59-58). A single-track link to this line branches off at Kombinatskaya, about four kilometers north of Revda. Kombinatskaya is an important industrial railroad station serving the SUMZ Combine (Severo-Uralsk Copper Factory). 25X1

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2. In September 1953, [ ] the Sverdlovsk - Kuzino (N 57-01, E 59-27) railroad line is double-track.
3. Between March 1951 and September 1953, [ ] the Pervouralsk - Sverdlovsk line is double-track. Trains operated on this line in both directions at intervals of 30 to 40 minutes. 25X1
4. The single-track railroad line leading from Voroshilovsk toward Stalingrad crosses a river valley two kilometers east of the Izvarino (N 48-19, E 39-52) railroad station, which is located near Gundorovka.<sup>2</sup> The bridge is a steel structure resting on four concrete pillars and is about 100 meters long.

5. In 1950 and 1951, a new highway was being built near Ayuta.<sup>3</sup> [ ] the Novoshakhtinsk - Shakhty - Rostov highway was to be a component part of the large automobile highway from Moscow to Baku via Rostov. The highway, allegedly completed in the fall of 1951, is seven meters wide and has an asphalt surface. The foundation of the highway is defective. Heavy trucks leave deep ruts in the surface. 25X1

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1. Comment: During World War II, railroad tank cars were protected against air observation in Germany. They were given a wooden superstructure to make them look like boxcars.

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Comments

2. There are a number of small rivers in the area. This may be the Bolshaya Kamenka.
3. This is probably either Vlasovo-Ayuta (N 47-46, E 40-08), about four kilometers northwest of Shakhty, or Nizhne-Ayutiskiye (N 47-38, E 40-02), about 15 kilometers southwest.

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